



NORTHSTAR CHURCH

# COMMUNICATION POLICY

## **Mathew 18:15-17 (ESV)**

“If your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

## **Issues Between Members**

Do not give ear to members complaining about each other. Insist that they go directly to the individual that they have issue with to make their complaint known. This is a command of Jesus Christ to maintain unity within His church. Inform the individual that you will not be party to gossip in this Church.

## **Issues With Policy and Leadership Decisions (*Not Dealing with Discipline*)**

If a member informs you of a genuine concern regarding policy, church life, or a decision of leadership- encourage the member to bring those concerns before the church board.

If the individual is not comfortable with speaking before the board, then a board member or staff pastor may present the concern on their behalf- but only if the member's name is given.

Concerns and complaints given in secrecy shall not be considered by the board. Where secrecy abounds trust cannot grow. Without trust we cannot walk in unity as the body of Christ.

The United States Congress operates in the public eye presenting motions and concerns for all to see and hear. Why should the church of Christ operate at a lower standard than a secular government?

## **Unity**

Unity does not just happen. It must be protected and fought for whenever necessary. For some this will be a difficult adjustment for expressing their opinions but it is a change that must be enforced by all. How we lead in these areas will have a direct effect on the unity of this Church. With this enforced we will see gossip eradicated from our church.